

STATEN ISLANDERS SHOW NO INTEREST IN TRANSIT PLANS

Only 23 Attend Commission's Session, Held to Explain Alternate Subway Routes.

When former Senator and Borough President of Richmond George Cronwell appeared before the Transit Commission to-day to favor the proposed alternate routes for rapid transit subways under the Narrows he told Transit Commissioners that ninety-nine of every one hundred persons on Staten Island have been led to believe that the city's proposed combination passenger and freight tunnel is the only means of relief.

"Senator, why not get a horse and, like Paul Revere, go to work down there?" Chairman McAneny asked Mr. Cronwell.

There were exactly twenty-three persons present when the Transit Commission opened its session to-day to obtain expression of public opinion on the proposed alternate routes under the Narrows. Chairman McAneny explained that the Transit Commission's tunnel plan would cost approximately \$20,000,000. The city's proposed freight and passenger tunnel is designed to cost \$60,000,000. An injunction against the construction of the city's proposed tunnel is now pending in the Supreme Court and a mass meeting to protest against the injunction was held at Stapleton last night.

Mr. Cronwell pleaded for a better understanding between residents of the island and the Transit Commission's plan. He said that local sentiment, fomented by local newspapers, have residents believing that the city plan is the one means of getting rapid transit connection with Brooklyn. Commissioner Barkness pointed out that the city's own engineers are not in favor of such a hazardous undertaking as a combined freight and passenger tunnel.

"Don't you think some body down here ought to undertake some local education?" Chairman McAneny asked Mr. Cronwell. The latter agreed that should be done. The Chairman said further that the Transit Commission's plan is definite and cannot possibly be made more so.

Gen. O'Ryan asked Mr. Cronwell how residents of Staten Island "are misled in so great and important a public project?"

Mr. Cronwell replied that talk about the city tunnel has been loudly shouted down on the island.

"We must talk louder than they do to make the people understand this is the solution of the transit situation," he said.

Chairman McAneny suggested that the hearing of the Staten Island tunnel routes be adjourned to give the Chamber of Commerce and other citizens of Staten Island an opportunity to arouse sentiment and local interest, so that the Commission might at least have a chance of explaining the plan. The hearing was adjourned to June 3.

"L" TRAIN TOOTS FOR FIRE.

Motorman's Whistle Saves Property of St. Joseph's Church.

An alarm sounded from an elevated train saved the parish house and kindergarten of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, 214th Avenue and Waverley Place, from destruction by fire last night. The motorman saw the flames pouring through two elevators in the roof which, by focusing their outlet, had prevented spread of the fire to the church adjoining.

He blew three blasts on his whistle and stopped the train to tell whoever responded why the alarm was sounded. Sergeant Thomas J. Hughes, the first policeman of several who ran for the train, sent an alarm and firemen put out the fire, which they confined to the second floor of the building, at an estimated loss of \$10,000. Mr. John Edwards is pastor of St. Joseph's.

Adjudged Most Perfect Baby In All Washington Heights



JOAN MARIE WEIR

Joan Marie Weir, sixteen months old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Hamilton Weir, adjudged the most perfect baby in the Washington Heights section of New York, and awarded first prize, a silver loving cup, for her health and beauty in a contest conducted by the Department of Health for the babies of the district.

MISS WATSON, 16, SAVES BABY FROM DROWNING

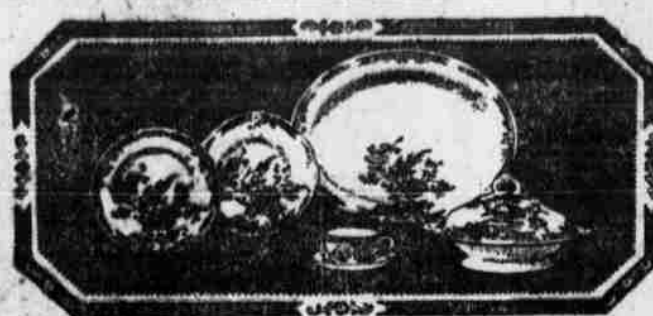
Plunges Fully Dressed Into River When Child Falls In.

Many congratulations are being received to-day by Miss Janet Watson, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Watson of No. 227 Falls Avenue, West Hoboken, upon her rescue from drowning of Junior Weiner, three years old, in the Pequannock River at

Mountain View, N. J., last Tuesday.

Miss Watson, recently a patient in a hospital in Jersey City, had gone to a bungalow colony at Mountain View for a brief visit. She was walking along the bank of the river, swollen by rains, and saw the little boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Weiner, swept from the shore, where he was paddling, into ten feet of swift water.

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District Attorney of Queens Wants Quick Ruling on Legality of Double Fares.

District Attorney Dana Wallace of Queens County filed to-day with the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn an appeal from the decision of Justice James C. Crosey, which freed from custody S. W. Huff and Robert B. Lee, receivers of the Steinway line of the New York & Queens County Railway Co., who had been convicted of violation of the Rapid Transit Law by doubling the fare on the system they are managing.

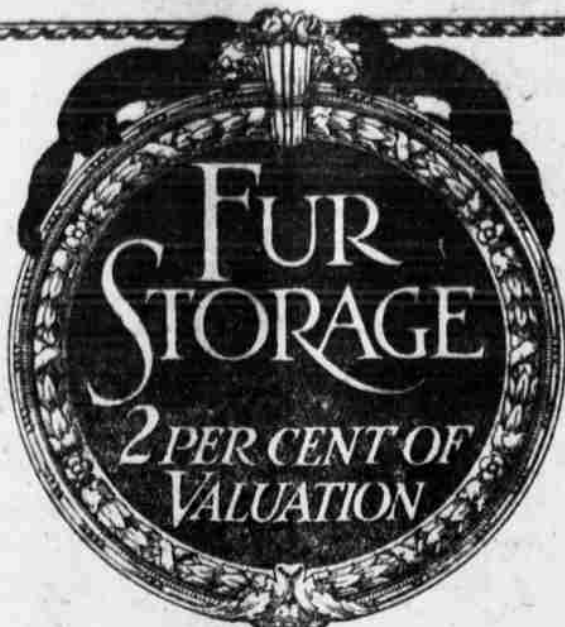
Mr. Wallace attacked each point which Justice Crosey decided in favor of the receivers. He asked for

an early special hearing of arguments because, under the Crosey ruling, the receivers are continuing to charge the double fare and there is no way to compel them to restore the old schedule.

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